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Device And Method For Mounting A Saddle Hub On A Pipe And

Corresponding Tap

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents & Trademarks

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to an examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 2 line 1, change "Device according to the previous claim" to --Device according to claim 1--;

Claim/5 line 1, change "Device according to the previous claim" to --Device according to claim 4--:

Claim 6 line 1, change "Device according to one of claims 4 or 5" to --Device according to claim 4--;

Claim Thine 1, change "Device according to one of claims 4-6" to --Device according to claim 4--;

Claim 8 line 1, change "Device according to one of claims 4-7" to --Device according to claim 4--;